

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-26 (canceled)

Claim 27 (currently amended): A recording medium comprising:

a first recording area in which ~~are is~~ recorded ~~discrimination code information which enables the medium to be recognized as a medium adapted to a certain downloading system,~~ download identification information for designating information to be downloaded to the recording medium when the recording medium is loaded in ~~the a~~ downloading system ~~to which the recording medium is adapted,~~ and medium identification information identifying one of items of serial number information set for a plurality of the recording mediums; and

a second recording area ~~in which user identification information freely set by a user can be recorded~~ for recording digital data identified by the download information, wherein the digital data is recorded on the recording medium by the recording system when the medium identification information is authorized for recording the digital data.

Claim 28 (original): A recording medium according to claim 27, further comprising a third area in which information can be recorded as use record information about various processings executed by the downloading system when the recording medium is loaded in the downloading system to which the recording medium is adapted.

Claim 29 (original): A recording medium according to claim 27, further comprising a fourth area in which information can be recorded as fee record information of fees charged with respect to various processings executed by the downloading system when the recording medium is loaded in the downloading system to which the recording medium is adapted.

Claim 30 (previously presented): A recording medium according to claim 27, wherein the downloading of information based on the download identification information is executed automatically when the recording medium is loaded in the downloading system.